CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An organ and tissue procurement system, comprising:

interface server means for storing and delivering user interface information accessible to authorized users over a wide area network;

database server means, in communication with said interface server means, for storing and delivering data related to donors and recipients of human organs and tissue; and

software means, in communication with said interface server means and said database server means, for enabling access to said data and said user interface information by said authorized users, wherein said software means includes:

(a) security means for determining whether one or more of said authorized users may modify said data; and

(b) import means for receiving donor information from at least one external database and adding said donor information to said data.

2. The system of claim 1, wherein said external database is managed by an office of motor vehicles.

3. The system of claim 1, wherein said external database is managed by an organ donation organization.

4. The system of claim 1, wherein said data further includes information relating to transplant hospitals.

5. The system of claim 1, wherein said data further includes information relating to eyebanks.

6. The system of claim 1, wherein said data further includes information relating to tissue banks.

7. An organ and tissue procurement system comprising:

software means for communicating with a database management system corresponding to and operating upon a database and configured to create links between select fields of said database;

wherein said database is configured to store medical and social history information about a plurality of prospective donors under conditions that would allow salvage of tissue or organs from said prospective donors ("donor data"), and medical and social history information about a plurality of prospective recipients ("recipient data");

wherein said RDBMS is configured to access one or more of said database and to determine whether said donor data is stored in one of said database; and

wherein said RDBMS is further configured to access one or more of said database to determine whether any of said donor data corresponds to any of said recipent data sufficient to establish a preliminary match between said donor data and said recipient data.

8. The procurement system according to claim 7, wherein said software means includes means for prompting a user of said system to ask predetermined threshold questions about said prospective donor to establish whether said prospective donor may donate said tissue or organ.

9. The procurement system according to claim 7, wherein said software means includes means for allowing a user of said system to determine whether said prospective donor has indicated an express intent to donate said tissue or organ.

10. The procurement system according to claim 7, wherein each said database is maintained by an organization with which said prospective donor or said prospective recipient have a prior relationship; and wherein said RDBMS communicates with said database over an electronic communication network.

11. The procurement system of claim 10, wherein said electronic communication network is the Internet; and wherein said software means is enabled for use entirely over the World Wide Web.

12. The procurement system of claim 7, wherein said databases include data sets which are precategorized into a plurality of predetermined organ histories.

13. A method for managing a procurement system for tissue or organs, comprising the steps of:

providing software means for communicating with a relational database management system (RDBMS) corresponding to and operating upon a database and configured to create links between select fields of said database;

storing medical and social history information about a plurality of prospective donors under conditions that would allow salvage of tissue or organs from said prospective donors ("donor data");

storing medical and social history information about a plurality of prospective recipients ("recipient data");

accessing said RDBMS to determine whether said donor data is stored said database, and if so, determining whether any of said donor data corresponds to any of said recipent data sufficient to establish a preliminary match between said donor data and said recipient data.